

**COUNCIL MINUTES
BOONE COUNTY, INDIANA
MARCH 14, 2023**

Council Member: You are hereby notified that there will be a regular meeting of the Boone County Council at the Boone County Office Building, 116 W. Washington St., in the Connie Lamar Meeting Room, Room 105, in the City of Lebanon, on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at 8:30am.

Councilwoman President Elise Nieshalla called the meeting to order. Council members in attendance were Kevin VanHorn, Aaron Williams, Jennifer Hostetter, Kenneth Hedge, Marcia Wilhoite, and John Riner.

Councilwoman Nieshalla announced new Council Member Kenneth Hedge that took Don Lamb's Council At-Large position.

IN THE MATTER OF MINUTES

Councilwoman Nieshalla asked for a motion to approve the January Amended council minutes from the January 10, 2023. Councilman Riner made a motion to approve. Councilman VanHorn seconded. Motion carried, 7-0.

Councilwoman Nieshalla asked for a motion to approve the February council minutes. Councilman VanHorn made a motion to approve. Councilman Riner seconded. Motion carried, 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Vote for Council Vice President. Councilman Williams made a motion to nominate Councilwoman Wilhoite for Vice President. Councilman Riner seconded. Motion carried, 7-0.

Councilwoman Nieshalla discussed the budget process for 2024, first budget workshop after June Council Meeting for Departments proposing new employees, July thru September budget workshop immediately following Council meetings and immediate day after as needed.

Legislation update given by Councilwoman Nieshalla and Prosecutor Kent Eastwood.

Barbara Scott CEO of Aspire gave their Annual Report, also Diane Huddleson – Senior Director spoke in regards to Annual Report.

SALARY AMENDMENT

Clerk Lisa Bruder wanted to amend the Voter Per Diem for 1st deputy to receive 80% of Clerk's election per diem, approx.. \$4,800/yr. Councilman Williams made a motion to approve. Councilwoman Hostetter seconded the motion. Motion carried, 7-0.

John Merson with Area Plan Commission wanted to amend the Executive Director pay to \$79,000 that was discussed in last meeting. Councilwoman Wilhoite made a motion to approve. Councilman Williams seconded. Motion carried, 7-0.

IN THE MATTER OF RE-APPROPRIATIONS

N/A

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

COMMISSIONERS/LIT CORR FACILITY

Kaylee Jessie presented an additional request for:

1233.0000.440.445.0.5153	Benefits	\$89,000.00
1233.0000.470.473.0.9170	LIT Corr. Fac. Debt Srv	\$4,125,000.00
1233.0000.440.443.0.4710	Construction & Exp.	\$4,044,568.00

Councilwoman Hostetter made the motion to approve the Benefits, Councilman VanHorn seconded. Motion carried, 6-1. Councilwoman Hostetter made a motion to approve the Debt Service, Councilwoman Wilhoite seconded. Motion carried, 7-0. Councilwoman Hostetter made a motion to approve the Constr & Exp, Councilman VanHorn seconded. Motion carried, 7-0.

PROSECUTOR

Kent Eastwood presented an additional request for:

1000.0009.410.411.0.0927	Litigation Paralegal	\$24,000.00
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Councilwoman Hostetter made a motion to approve, Councilman VanHorn seconded, Motion carried, 7-0.

HIGHWAY

Nick Parr presented an additional request for:

9194.0000.440.415.0.9689	INDOT 2022 Matching Grant	\$320,189.37
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Councilwoman Wilhoite made a motion to approve, Councilman VanHorn seconded, Motion carried, 7-0.

1135.0000.430.423.0.7975	Bridge 192	\$611,105.17
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Councilman Riner made a motion to approve, Councilwoman Wilhoite seconded, Motion carried, 7-0.

5900.0000.460.415.0.7050	Bridge 192	\$25,974.07
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Councilman Riner made a motion to approve, Councilwoman Wilhoite seconded, Motion carried, 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Letter of Support for Big 4 Trail, Council took a confirmation vote for \$3,000 Trail match money. Councilman VanHorn made a motion to approve, Councilwoman Hostetter seconded, Motion carried, 7-0.

Timeclock Plus Update – Councilwoman Hostetter gave an update on TCP. She stated that Prosecutor, Facilities, Highway, Comm Corr./Probation, Assessor, and Health are using TCP. Councilwoman Hostetter also stated work in progress for onboarding and off boarding with HR Department.

Justice Center Update – Sheriff Harris stated they started digging last week. All Administrative staff will be in trailer by April 6th, 2023.

Financial Process and Software Work Group Update and consideration of contract.

Councilwoman Wilhoite and Councilman Williams stated they had 2 meetings so far, general discussion on what to do in group. System needs assessment stated there will be an addendum to current contract for Commissioner's to sign. Phase I – needs assessment and what's required, payroll functions/TCP, request \$27,000 to move forward. Baker Tilly will get back to us after assessment complete.

Councilwoman Nieshalla asked for an update on the Health Insurance Committee.

Councilwoman Wilhoite and Councilwoman Hostetter spoke and stated after end of year spent \$3.6 million came out \$400,000 under budget. Getting bids for upcoming year, numbers will be for 2025.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Prosecutor Kent Eastwood gave an update on the CASE Task Force collaboration with his office and law enforcement. Grant amount upwards of \$328,000. The turnover in Prosecutor's Office is high, worried about retaining employee's for higher paid jobs, need to attract new talent. Prosecutor will come back next month with a new plan for over the next 2 years.

Commissioner Donnie Lawson stated about the MOU pertaining to permitting between the Commissioners' and the City of Lebanon. They signed MOU on February 21, 2023.

John Merson gave an update on APC's work with regard to REA plan. Scope is fluid, City of Lebanon annexed 5200 acres.

Councilman Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman VanHorn seconded. Motion carried, 6-0.

Minutes Prepared by Melissa Smith, Deputy Auditor.

Elise Nieshalla
Boone County Council President

Date

Debbie M. Morton-Crum
Boone County Auditor

Date